THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) : The following is the year-wise quantum (quantity and value) of foodgrains exported and its share in total exports during 2002 to 2005:

(Value in Rs. crores)
(Quantity in 000'tonnes)

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05*	2005-06* (April-Nov.06)
Quantity	8745	8109	7923	4604
Value	7682	6957	8866	5585
%age share in total Indian exports (value wise)	2.98	2.37	2.49	2.16

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics
*Provisional.

Continuance of export-oriented schemes

*154. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to continue the export-oriented schemes till 2008-09; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry will take steps to ensure that the counterveiling duty is not attracted and the schemes are not misused?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Export Promotion Schemes being implemented at present essentially aim at providing duty free access to international quality raw materials, intermediates, components, consumables and capital goods required for export production. The Policy and procedural framework for the Export Oriented Schemes is reviewed from time to time and changes made in order to permit better performance of units operating under the Schemes.

(b) The Export Promotion Schemes have various in-built safeguards to prevent their misuse. Some of these are as follows:

(i) Licences issued under Advance Licensing Scheme are subject to actual user condition and are non- transferable.

(ii) Capital goods imported under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme are subject to actual user condition till fulfillment of export obligation.

(iii) A nexus is specified for duty free import under Duty Free Replenishment Certificate Scheme.

(iv) Value caps are specified to prevent unintended benefits to importers and exporter in respect of Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme.

Benefits to beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

*155. SHRI S.M.LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beedi workers who have received under social welfare schemes any benefit in the districts of West Godavari, East Godavari, Adilabad, Guntur and Nizamabad of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the benefits received by them indicating the cost thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that better implementation of Social welfare schemes is needed; and

(d) if so, the details of the changes proposed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The details of number of beneficiaries and cost of benefits in various districts is as under:-

Year 2005-06 (upto January, 2006)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Estimated no. of beedi workers	Scholarships		Medical health camps	No. of Houses sanctioned	
			No. of Students	Financial Rs.		Physical	Financial Rs.
1.	West Godavari	500	--	--	6	--	--
2.	East Godavari	350	--	--	--	--	--
3.	Adilabad	40000	2548*	26,77,130*	2	165	--
4.	Guntur	15000	--	--	8	--	--
5.	Nizamabad	225000	21822	213,18,570	5	1834#	14.80 lakh#

*Figures pertain to the year 2004-05, for the year 2005-06 applications are under scrutiny.
#Sanctioned during 2004-05.